

TRANSCRIPT OF PORTIONS OF THE ARMY-MCCARTHY HEARINGS
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Morning Session:

Senator Jackson:

Mr. Chairman, I want to make a brief comment.

Senator McCarthy:

Senator Jackson, before you start may I make this brief comment. Senator Jackson, could I make an insertion in the record. I would like to insert in the record an excerpt from Public Law 513, 81st Congress, Chapter 185, second session, Provides Section 3, "Nothing in this act shall prohibit the furnishing upon lawful demand, of information to any regularly constituted committee of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States of America or joint committee thereof. Approved May 13, 1950. And one other insertion, if I may. I insert this because of the question which has been asked about our right to get information. This titled 18 United States Code annotated Chapter 37 Espionage - Censorship, Section 798, "Disclosure of Classified Information": "Nothing in this act shall prohibit the furnishing upon lawful demand of any information to any regularly constituted committee of the Senate or House of Representatives of the U.S.A. or joint committee thereof. Added October 31 1950.

Chairman:

Said Statutory Provisions inserted into the record.

Senator Jackson:

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Mr. Chairman, I think it is to be regretted that/the last day of this hearing that we are getting into some partisan matters that have no place in these hearings. We on this side have not brought them up. If you want to take a look at the record of these hearings, it is rather revealing that it is not the Democrats who have been making the attacks on the Eisenhower Administration. In the record, on page 4742, one of the principles here, not a Democrat, has charged that the CIA, administered by the present Republican Administration is infiltrated with Communists. And that there are 135 Communists in defense plants - you can find that on page 4814. On page 4815 of these hearings

Afternoon Session:

Senator Dvorshak:

Senators, we here complete these hearings. We realize that there are varied results concerning the charges and countercharges. I think that the people may be aroused emotionally over this hearing, but I am sure that they are more concerned about the future activities to eliminate all subversives

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from the Federal Government. And so at that point, I ask you what your plans are for continuing your crusade on behalf of this committee and to what extent you expect to cooperate with the Department of the Army and the various agencies and bureaus in the Executive Branch of the Government. I think that it is very vital to know ^{this} at this time in behalf of the millions of Americans who have listened to these hearings and observed the proceedings over television and to have an expression from you as to what your future planning is.

Senator McCarthy:

Senator Dworshak, I think that that is certainly an excellent question to ask as we close these hearings. I will try to answer it as best I can. There are a number of hearings now pending, but may I say that I have promised Mrs. McCarthy that I will take off about 3 days and do nothing except relax after these hearings. I think perhaps one of the hearings that could first be held and I hope that we can start that immediately are the hearings of which Senator Potter is Chairman. Hearings having to do with American prisoners still being held in Communist prison camps. Number 2: I think one of the extremely important hearings we should go into is the exposure of Communists in defense plants, men who handle top secret material. Number 3: I hope that I can get this committee, and I don't want to start an argument on that now; I hope I can get this investigating committee to agree with me that we should call the members of that old loyalty board who have been disbanded by Bob Stevens, a very wise action on his part I think, and find out what they are doing. Are they handling similar top secret and other material and I think the American people should know why over the past 5, 6, 8 or 10 years they were sending people with clear out Communist records into our secret plants. Another matter I think is the Perex case. I would like to know the names of the people who gave special consideration to a man who was a graduate of a Communist leadership school. We have one other hearing, Senator, which I believe is being now handled by the Capehart Committee that had to do with the alleged graft, corruption and fraud in some Alaskan projects. There is the very important question of whether or not we can go into the alleged Communist infiltration of CIA, what authority, what power we have there. Also the question of what if anything we should do in regard to alleged Communist infiltration of the atomic and hydrogen bomb plants, and may I say in that connection while Senator Symington and I have differed on many things, I thought he made an excellent suggestion when that matter came up. He suggested that I take up that matter with the White House to determine whether or not they would give us full cooperation, whether or not they felt this would endanger national security because of the many subjects we could not discuss. That was done and I was convinced at that time that it would not be in the national interest to go into the matter of atomic and hydrogen bomb plants. There are many other subjects that we have pending but I think I have hit the high points of the things that should be investigated.